

Policy Statement on the Strategic Sustainability Performance Plan

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The Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) is committed to promoting and supporting environmental sustainability in its policies and operations.

MCC is an innovative and independent U.S. foreign aid agency helping lead the fight against global poverty. Established in 2004, MCC has signed 35 development assistance compacts and entered into 26 threshold programs in countries worldwide. MCC's programs are based on the principles of good governance, country ownership, transparency, and a focus on results. MCC promotes environmental sustainability as a core element of economic growth in its partner countries.

MCC's Sustainability Performance Plan reflects the Agency's strong commitment to meet all applicable environmental and energy statutes, regulations, and Executive Orders, specifically addressing Executive Order (E.O.) 13693, *Planning for Federal Sustainability in the Next Decade*. E.O. 13693's goal is for agencies to "increase efficiency and improve their environmental performance." In particular, MCC recognizes the importance of the Order's first priority – to reduce energy use and cost.

MCC is a small agency with a cap of 300 federal employees at its leased headquarters in Washington, D.C. and a minimal presence in partner countries abroad. Nonetheless, MCC is committed to create a sustainability-conscious operating environment for all of its employees and continuously improve policies and practices to enhance its environmental performance. During Q1 and Q2 in FY 2016, MCC plans to relocate and consolidate the Agency's Washington, D.C. headquarters operations in renovated leased quarters that occupy about 17.5 percent less rentable floor space than MCC currently occupies. This project will help MCC substantially reduce energy consumption. Design requirements are for the new space to be LEED-certified Gold. When achieved, the Agency is committed to maintain the certification. MCC is proud of its sustainability record and remains committed to a program of continuous improvement in the coming year.

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